



## CROSS COUNTRY SKI CORNER 2023 - 2024

### Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, and Snowshoeing



*These trips and events have been planned as a joint effort with West Michigan Ski Club (WM Ski Club) and the West Michigan Catholic Singles (WMCS) groups. By planning together we can offer more variety of events that will enhance our nordic programs in both groups.*

### December & January Events

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**Dec. 2 - 3 Sat.-Sun. Manistee Victorian Christmas weekend.** Friday: 1885 comes alive! Sat Dec 2, daytime : Hike/cross country ski Big M Saturday morning. Sat. 530p. Parade/Belgian draft horses pull 30 foot Christmas tree down to River Street for Christmas carols/fireworks. Lodging options nearby. Contact JoAnn if interested. 616-745-8542 Hosted by WMCS. Register on website [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org)

**Dec. 16 Sat. Robinettes.. E Beltline @ 3142 4 mile Rd NE.** Meet at 11am. Hosted by WMCS. Robinettes Orchard Trail. parking is across the street from Robinettes, on 4 mile. (north side). XC or hike the trails. Robinettes Market/restaurant is open at 12 noon .

**Dec. 30 - Jan. 1 Sst. - Mon. New Years Trip to Otsego Ski Resort** Hosted by WM SKI CLUB. See website to register for this event. Both WM Ski Club members, WMCS, and Guests can register here for this event. [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org) Great opportunity to celebrate the holiday with friends & family at Otsego resort! Short walk to lifts from Blue Spruce Lodge. Cross-country skiing, Snowshoeing and Snow tubing also available on-site or check out Tree Tops resort - just minutes away with Downhill, cross country, snowshoeing, tubing, dog sledding & sleigh rides. There are lots of places to do nordic events. Trip Leader is Steve 616) 502-2454.

**Jan. 5 - 7 Fri.-Sun.. Crooked River Weekend Trip** - Alanson Hosted by WM Ski Club. Must be a member of the ski club to participate. Great XC skiing and snowshoeing in the area. ( Nubs Nob, Boyne Highlands, Wildwood Hills Pathway , Petoskey State Park and others). Questions: Call Shirley Nevins 616-361-8390 See ski club website to sign up for this trip. We will have a nordic coordinator on this trip.

**Jan. 13-15 - Sat. to Mon. Traverse City Weekend** During MLK weekend this will be primarily a nordic event, but some may choose to go downhill as well. Stay at Sleep Inn & Suites Acme/Traverse City 1/13 &1/14 at a discounted ski club rate. Everyone (Nordic & Downhill) will meet in the main lodge/cafe/tertia at noon for lunch then nordic skiers will begin at the nordic center at 1:00 pm on Saturday. Dinner at Shorts Brewery afterwards at 5:00pm. Sunday Nordic ski Muncie Lakes Pathway at 9:00 am, followed by wine tour and dinner. Monday Nordic ski Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail at 10 am. Questions contact John Carlson by text at 616-550-7217 or email [cybertaxi007@gmail.com](mailto:cybertaxi007@gmail.com) Hosted by WMSKICLUB. Register on website.

**Jan. 14 Sun. Kaufman Park.** 2:00 pm. Hike and XC ski. Meet at 1 pm at the Clyde Park entrance ( south of 44th st.) If the gate is closed, meet at 52nd street side. Ski rentals may be available. Snowshoeing is not allowed at Kaufman so bring your skis. Hosted by WMCS. Call Mel with questions. 616-204-5855 After skiing — 4:00 Chilli's nearby.

**Jan. 19 -21 - 26 Fri.- Sun. Triple Mountain Weekend Otsego Resort - Gaylord** Hosted by WM SKI CLUB. Must be a member of the ski club to participate. Cross country ski, Hike, or Snowshoe at Treetops, Otsego Ski Resort, Schuss Mountain, Hartwick Pines State Park, Forebush, and the XC Headquarter. Questions call Shirley Nevins 616-361-8390. We will try to get a XC leader for this event. See website for more details. [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org) Some of these are great places for nordic activities.

**Jan. 25 Thurs. Pigeon Creek Ottawa County Park** Meet at 6:00 at the Pavillion for some XC skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking. 12524 Stanton Street, West Olive. Rentals available. Hosted by WM SKI Club. Please register on website for this event. [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org) Pat will then know to expect you for this fun weekend adventure. Questions call Patrick at 616-446-1783. This is a full moon evening activity.



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**Jan. 27 Sat. Hungerford Lake Recreation Area: Big Rapids Area** — Meet at Post Rd Carpool Lot at 9:30 AM to carpool to recreation area. Arrival location at Hungerford will be the Mountain Bike Trailhead on Cherry Avenue. Arrive at location at 10:00. Bring your own snacks and water, but A French trail lunch will be provided on the trail at a bonfire. Dinner and drinks and heat afterwards will be at Big Rapids at Schuberg's . Trip Leader is Steve Grody Questions contact at 616-502-2454 [stevelikescamping@gmail.com](mailto:stevelikescamping@gmail.com) Hosted by WM SkiClub.

**Jan. 28 - Sun Crystal Mountain Family Day** - Do the Nordic trails at Crystal Mountain (Trail Pass Required). For lunch meet at the Thistle (bottom of Buck Run) at 1 pm to join the downhill skiers. After skiing, meet at Geno's Sports Bar & Grill, Thompsonville, at 5 pm. Questions contact John Carlson by text at 616-550-7217 or email [cybertaxi007@gmail.com](mailto:cybertaxi007@gmail.com). Hosted by WM Ski Club, Register on ski club website please.

### February and March Events

**February 2-4 Friday - Sunday Ludington State Park Weekender** Details are pending. Annual Cross-Country Skiing, Hiking, Snowshoe, Weekend. Ski Ludington State Park, snowshoe, walk, swim, dine, bowl, and relax. Details to follow in our website [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org) Trip is hosted by WMCS.. Contact: Mel for more info.. [MKOET37@gmail.com](mailto:MKOET37@gmail.com) ( 616-204-5855 or JoAnn at 616-745-8542. This can be a one day adventure on Saturday for those who prefer that. Possible extra XC skiing on Friday at : The Dunes” near by and on Sunday at “ Pentwater Pathways. These are places with groomed trails.

**Feb. 3 & 4 - Sat. -Sun. Corsair Trails/Cross Country Headquarters** (Trail Passes Required) Do both days or join just for one. Meet at Lowell Park & Ride Lot (Lowell Exit off I-96) at 8:30 am Sat. to carpool or meet at Corsair Trails Trailhead at noon. Afterwards meet in Tawas City or Prudenville for dinner. Those staying overnight Sat. book on their own at American Inn & Suites Houghton Lake. Meet at Cross Country Headquarters lodge on Sun. at 9:30 am. Have lunch at the lodge at 12:30 pm. Apres drinks at the lodge (usually a single guitar player live) and return home. Questions contact John Carlson by text at 616-550-7217 or email [cybertaxi007@gmail.com](mailto:cybertaxi007@gmail.com). Hosted by WM Ski Club. Register on the website. [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org)

**Feb. 17 Sat. Pickeral Lake** on 6001 Ramsdell near Rockford 12:00 PM Meet at the park for some nordic fun. Hiking , XC skiing and snowshoeing available. Hosted by WMCS. Contact is JoAnn 616-745-8542 After outdoor fun we will head to a TBD place for socializing.

**Feb. 23 Fri. Muskegon State Park** Meet at 12:00 pm near the McDonalds on the Walker exit just off I 196. Ski at 1:00 in Muskegon at 462 North Scenic Drive. Lots of activities offered: XC skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, ice skating, ride the luge. Rentals available. <http://www.msports.org/> Hosted by WM Ski Club. For questions call Patrick at 616-446-1783. Please register on the ski club website so Pat will know to plan for you. [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org). After exploring at the park, head to Bear Lake Tavern for some extra fun.

**Feb. 25 Sun. Aman Park.** 1859 Lk Mich Dr. 1:00 pm. 2 miles west of Standale on Lake Michigan Drive. Hosted by WMCS. Contact is Mel Koetsier 616- 204-5855 Hiking and snowshoeing. 3:00 Head to Uchellos for refreshments.

**Feb. 26 - 29 Mon. - Thurs. Road Trip to Marquette in UP** XC Ski and Snowshoe around Marquette Nordic areas for a unique experience. Join the downhill skiers for a road trip and small group trip. Contact Shirley Nevins 616-340-8586 for questions. We will try to get a nordic trip leader for this trip. This trip is hosted by WM Ski Club. You would have to be a member of ski club to participate on this trip. Sign up on website [www.wmskiclub.org](http://www.wmskiclub.org). Come and explore this part of the UP with us. It should be a great trip to celebrate our great state in a different way. On Thursday you can head home or continue on to the Searchmont trip.

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Feb. 29 - Mar. 3 Thurs. - Sun. Searchmont Weekend Trip to Canada Hosted by WM Ski Club. Must be a member of the ski club to participate. Excellent XC skiing and snowshoeing at Stokely Creek and Hiawatha Park. Volunteer needed to coordinate the nordic people on this trip. Questions call Shirley Nevins 616-340-8586. See ski club website to sign up for the trip. www.wmskiclub.org

Mar. 2 Sat. Cascade Peace Park 12 noon. Address is 8900 Grand River Ave. This is a larger parking area. Spring hike : look for migratory warblers and Scarlet Tanager's. 2pm. Eat at Cascade Roadhouse 6817 Cascade SE. Questions JoAnn 616-745-8542. Hosted by WMCS.

Contacts: JoAnn 616-745-8542 ( WMCS) Mel 616-204-5855 (WMCS) Patrick 616-446-1783 (WM Ski Club XC) Shirley 616-340-8586 (WM Ski Club Park & Rides) John 616) 550-7217 (WM Ski Club XC) Steve 616) 502-2454 (WM Ski Club XC) Andrea (609) 504-6379 ( WM Ski Club Michigan Trip Director)

Some added events may be planned on spur of the moment notice due to snow conditions. Information about these outings will come by website, newsletter, E Blast, Meet Up and our special xc email list. Contact Shirley at shirleyjnevins@gmail.com to get on this special XC email list. Check www.wmskiclub.org. and WMCS newsletter for updates.



Hike



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West Michigan Catholic Singles + West Michigan Ski Club are a winning combination ! Great Winter Outdoor Adventures Planned For You !

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